

THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHISM

as leading the people to commit idolatry.¹ It was unanimously agreed to satisfy the people, or, at least, to take a course that would reconcile the interests of the Church with the demands of the Romans.² Pedro de Luna saw the time had come to carry out his plan, and informally suggested that the Archbishop of Bari should be elected; Orsini whispered to the Cardinal of Florence to propose Tebaldeschi; the Cardinal of Brittany named the Cardinal of Milan, who answered that he would not accept such an election, if they were to make him ten times Pope. "*Habemus pontificem*" cried the Cardinal of Geneva, perhaps ironically, seeing that Luna's candidate had the majority. The cardinals took their seats, and Aigrefeuille called on the Cardinal of Florence, as dean of the Sacred College, formally to propose a candidate. Corsini then named the Cardinal of St. Peter's, but added (so he tells us): "I should name an ultramontane member of the College, were it not for the promise we have made the Romans, and their bearing, and our fear of them."³ The Cardinal of Limoges, whose turn was to speak next, said that St. Peter's was too old and his election would be too obviously a yielding to clamour; Florence and Milan were impossible, because of the hostility of their cities to the papal see; Orsini was too young and a Roman. He proposed the Lord Archbishop of Bari. All the rest concurred, with certain exceptions and reservations. The Cardinal of Sant' Angelo said that he agreed, although his vote could be of no avail, as he believed that the election was not valid. The Cardinals of Brittany and Milan said they yielded under protest, as the others were agreed. Cardinal Orsini declared that he would not give his vote to any one, under the circumstances, but would wait until he was at liberty. Several cardinals in voting for the Archbishop of Bari added the words: *ut sit verus papa*; evidently in repudiation of

¹ Testimony of the Bishop of Faenza, *Archivio Faticano*, LIV. 40. Cf. *Rer. It. Script.*, iii. 2. coll. 680, 681. It is noteworthy that St. Antoninus (III. p. 389) ascribes a similar suggestion to Bartolommeo Prignano himself.

^a Cf. Valois, I. p. 45.

⁸ Depositions of the Italian cardinals, Gayet, doc. 27.